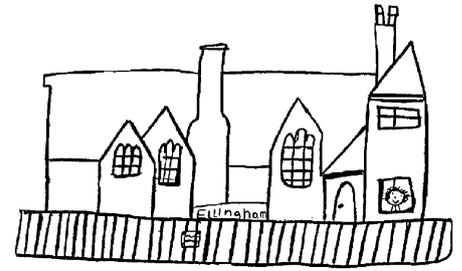


Newsletter

Friday 28th September



Ellingham VC Primary School

Values for Life - Friendship

The theme for next week is 'Friends in Trouble'.



Maths Whizz

Best Usage: Isabelle McDonald, Henry Curtis, Edie Vass, William Curtis, Otto Wathen, Finley Watson, Logan Smith, Florence Vass, Lucy Helliwell, Morgan Mulhearn, Jamie Carter and Jaydon Nunley.



Most Improved: Seth Ruthven, Isabelle McDonald, Dulcie King, William Curtis, Toby Bishop, Otto Wathen, Lucy Helliwell, Logan Smith, Jacob Bishop, Morgan Mulhearn, Jaydon Nunley, Malakai Garnham-Kirk

Well done to all those children, another fantastic effort. Please keep up the good work.

Sparrows

This week Sparrows have been Aladdin as part of our traditional tales theme. We have talked about the setting of the story, its features, and how it is different to where we live. In literacy our reception children have written signs for the front of Aladdin's cave. The Y1 children have written a speech bubble for a section of the story and wrote 3 wishes that they would like granted. In maths the Y1s have measured magic carpets, compared amounts of treasure and looked at 1 more and 1 less. In phonics reception children have now learnt s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d and g.



Skylarks

During topic time we have looked at different habitats, large and small, and matched the plants and animals to where they are best suited.

During English we have done a more in depth study of Little Red Riding Hood, exploring vocabulary and sequencing parts of the story. Y1s have drawn and labelled story maps and Y2s are writing their own versions.

In maths we have begun to understand addition more fully using number bonds, and adding 1s and 10s.

We have also created our own collages inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Rix 😊.



Swifts

This week in English Swifts have relished listening to and discussing the thrilling Greek myth called Perseus, and retelling it using conjunctions to extend our sentences. Well done Swifts! In maths Swifts have been working hard thinking about place value and using it to help them complete some great column addition work.

Swifts have really impressed Mrs Bailey and Mrs Sayer this week with their wonderful, colourful Greek hoplite shield designs. We can't wait to start building and painting them! Thank you to everyone for donating boxes.

During science we have enjoyed investigating reflective materials for the Brilliant Bag Company. Incredible investigating Swifts!

Swifts PE lessons will take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Please check that your child has a PE kit in school.

Spellings

Please can you help your child to learn their spellings each week. If they get less than 7 out of 10, they will have to retake the test later in the week during their break time.



Swallows

Maths

This week we have been subtracting using column decomposition, and checking our answers using number lines.

We have also bought items and found change. Y6 have been working out which prices and offers represent the best buys in different shops, involving percentages.

Literacy

We have continued writing and editing our newspaper reports. We have concentrated on adding eyewitness reports, using informal language to move the story on.

During our trip to Gressenhall, we had lessons in a Victorian school, learnt about the workhouse, worked in the fields and did the laundry. The children had to work out a mystery of who had stolen the candlesticks, considering each characters motives. A great day was had by all.



Two MSA Vacancies

Woodton Primary School are in need of two midday supervisor. If you would like further details, please ring Ms Bradley or Mrs Taylor in the Woodton school office on 01508 482294.



Nutritional Ninjas - Swallows

This club is starting on Friday 5th October and running until Friday 16th November. We have sent information home listing ingredients they are providing so you can check for any allergens. Please note that there are some weeks where you will need to provide something to bring the dish home in. This is listed on the information sheet.



Walking Bus

The walking bus was very well supported again this week. This means that there are less cars around school and less pollution. It is also a healthy way to start the day. There are still some spaces on the walking bus. Please see the office if you would like your child to join.

The walking bus will be running every Wednesday, meeting at 8.15am in the Olive Tree Car Park. We will operate every week, unless there are adverse weather conditions.



Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 21st September

Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes day last week, £81 was raised for the charity.



Collection Arrangements

A reminder that we **must be informed** if **your child is going to be collected by someone else, even if it is a family member**. Please let the school office know so that we can pass the information onto the class teacher, thank you.

IMPORTANT

PE Kits

A reminder that PE kits need to be in school at all times. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school on a Monday morning and they leave it in school all week.



E-Safety

Please be aware that computer games have an age related rating. These are there to protect children from seeing inappropriate materials. A number of our children are telling us that they are playing games such as Fortnite, Grand Theft Auto and Call of Duty, which are NOT appropriate for any child in a primary school, as these are rated from 12 to 18.



Lost Property

Please can we ask you to label all of your child's school uniform. We have had a huge amount of items left from last term, most of them unnamed. We cannot return items if they are not clearly labelled. Any items left in lost property will be donated to the clothes bank.



Fundraising

Some of our parents are holding a ladies shopping event on Thursday 11 October at 7.30pm at the Ellingham village hall. It's a chance to look at some amazing local crafter's creations and buy a few Christmas gifts. There will be jewellery, fudge, bags, willow weaving, Christmas cakes, chutneys, home wear, make up, bath bombs and so much more. Tickets are £2 in advance and include a glass of fizz on arrival. All proceeds are being split between the school and the village hall. Tickets are available from Ali Wren, Sarah Hanlan and Sarah Beveridge or from the school office. Please purchase your tickets asap, tickets on the door will be slightly more expensive at £2.50.



Reading Challenge - Reception Children

The reading challenge has started so please can we remind you to read with your child and record it in their reading records.



Paper Copies of Newsletter

We are still sending home a large amount of paper copies of the newsletter. Our Eco Rangers within school are keen to reduce the amount of paper we use and so please do let the office know if we can email your newsletter. Many thanks.



Headlice and Worms

A reminder to check your child's hair for headlice and treat if necessary. This is very common in young children and is easily treated. Please also be on the look out for worms. If you think your child may have worms, please seek treatment.

Travelling Book Fair

Please don't forget to come along and visit our book fair. It will be open for you to browse on the dates and times below. Please note that it is **cash only and we cannot reserve books**. Payment must be made at time of purchase.

Friday 28th Sept - 15.15 to 15.30
Monday 1st October - 14.45 to 15.00
Tuesday 2nd Oct - 08.30 to 08.45
Wednesday 3rd Oct - 15.15/15.30
Thurs 4th Oct - 09.00/11.00



As you can see, there are times when you can visit with your children, as well as times when the adults can come in whilst the children are still in school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Thurs 4th October



The PTA are hosting a coffee morning in the school hall on Thursday 4th October between 9am and 11am. There will be refreshments and cake for sale. Please pop in and spend some time relaxing over a cuppa and cake whilst supporting this worthwhile cause. The children will also have the opportunity to buy a cake during their morning break so please send in some change with them.



If you are able to bake or donate a cake, the PTA would be very grateful.

We will also be having a non-uniform day on this day to raise money for the charity. Please bring in £1 in exchange for wearing non uniform.

Little Princess Trust



Amelia is going to be having her long hair cut off during the school assembly on Wednesday 10th October. This is in aid of the Little Princess Trust. There is a sponsorship form in the office if you would like to donate to this charity.

For further information on the charity,

Out of School Achievement

Last week Lucy and William completed a 4km 'Memory Walk' in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. We think this is an amazing achievement, well done Lucy and William.



Grammar Workshops -Thurs 4th Oct

A reminder that Mrs Kenyon is hosting a grammar workshop for parents of both Ellingham and Woodton after school at Woodton on **Wednesday 3rd October** at 2.30pm for KS1 parents and 3.30pm for KS2 parents.

A lot of work goes into preparing these workshops and they are designed so that parents can support their children at home. We were disappointed that we had very few attend on Tuesday at Ellingham.



Maths Workshops - Thursday 4th October or Tuesday 9th October

Mrs Morton is hosting a maths workshop for parents of both Ellingham and Woodton after school on **Thursday 4th October** at Ellingham. This will be at 3.30pm for both KS1 and KS2. If you can't make this date, she is also holding the same workshop at Woodton on **Tuesday 9th October** at 3.30pm. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 28th September to Thursday 4th October - Travelling Book Fair (See times above)

Sunday 30th September - 10.30 - Benefice Communion at Ellingham Church

Wednesday 3rd October - 14.30 - KS1 Grammar Meeting, 15.30 - KS2 Grammar Meeting at Woodton

Thursday 4th October - 15.30 - Maths Workshop for KS1 and 2 parents at Ellingham

Thursday 4th October - Hobart High School Open Evening for Y6 pupils and parents/carers

Thursday 4th October - 09.00/11.00 - Macmillan Big Coffee morning in the school hall organised by the PTA

New Date **Thursday 4th October** - Non Uniform Day - bring £1 for MacMillan

Friday 5th October to Friday 16th November - 15.20/16.20 - Nutritional Ninjas Cookery Club for Swallows

Tuesday 9th October - 15.30 - Maths Workshop for KS1 and 2 parents at Woodton

New Date **Wednesday 10th October** - Amelia having her hair cut in assembly for the Little Princess Trust - Sponsor form is in office

New Date **Thursday 11th October** - KS2 Girls Football Tournament - Letters have been sent to those participating

Tuesday 16th October - 14.30 - Harvest Festival at School - More details to follow

Thursday 18th October - Half Term

Monday 29th October - Start of New Half Term

New Date **Monday 29th October** - Y6 & YR Height & Weight checks with the School Nursing Team and YR Vision and Hearing screening

New Date **Wednesday 31st October and Thursday 1st November** - Parents Evenings

Wednesday 19th December - Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 3rd January - First Day of the Spring term

